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The Secretary presents his compliments to their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and wishes to announce policy changes associated with driver's license services provided to eligible diplomatic and consular communities by the Department of State's Office of Foreign Missions (OFM). This note replaces the driver's license guidance provided in Department Note No. 21-22, dated January 5, 2022.

Missions are advised that effective immediately, a vision exam is required to obtain a Department of State driver's license for the following:

- Applicants with a valid or expired foreign driver's license.
- Applicants with the Department of State issued license or U.S. driver's license, including learner's permits, from any jurisdiction that is valid or expired by more than one year from the request date, and that does not require the driver to wear glasses or corrective lenses.

- Applicants seeking to renew the Department of State-issued driver's license that was issued more than five years from the time of the request.

The vision exam results may be obtained from a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist in the US and taken within the last three months from the time of the request.

Questions regarding this change in policy may be sent to OFM-Policy@state.gov.

Department of State,

Washington, January 5, 2024.

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